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#### NMPL plans summer reading events

pandemic.

North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) summer reading events have been planned, including Roz Puppets on the NMPL lawn: 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 16; Chillz Event: From 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 30; NMPL Pool Party: From noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 7; Activities at the North Manchester Farmers' Market: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17; Slime Spectacular on the NMPL lawn: From 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 21; and Little Book Shop on Market Street: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 30; and Saturday, July 31. more information,

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# **Northfield captures Class A softball state title**



Photos by Scott Hunt / shunt@chronicle-tribune.com

Northfield senior Addi Baker is congratulated by her dad and Norse coach Brandon Baker as she rounds third base after slugging a game-tying home run in the sixth inning of the Class A softball state championship game Friday in Greenwood. Baker added a tworun homer in the seventh to lift Northfield to a 3-1 win over Clay City.

#### The Norsemen finished the season 20-9, on a six-game win streak

By SCOTT HUNT

Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — Pulling off a good magic act often takes many hours and years of repetitious training before everything comes together and leaves a crowd in amazement.

Northfield's softball team didn't use sleight of hand, but a string of magical postseason performances turned an improbable run into a trip to the Class A state championship game on Center Grove's Russ Milligan Field Friday night.

There, the hard work masquerading as magic manifested itself again, and the Norsemen claimed the first state championship by a girls' team in school history with a

"If you would have told me I would win a state championship, softball would be high school at-bats. the last sport I would think it would come in," said senior to win sectional. We're not



all three Northfield runs with home runs in her last two

"We weren't even supposed

3-1 win over No. 7 Clay City. Addi Baker, who produced ranked. Never were ranked. And now we just won state. We're the last team left."

Northfield's seniors are no strangers to winning and making deep runs in tourna-

reacts to striking out a batter in the first inning of the Norsemen's 3-1 win over Clay City in the Class A state championship softball game Friday night in Greenwood.

Northfield's Abigail Hunter

ments. Baker, centerfielder Kyra Kennedy, third baseman Jenna Krom and first baseman Kenzie Baer, along with junior outfielders Ainsely Dale and Addy Rosen, twice played for semi-state championships in basketball during their careers, but had both seasons end there.

Baker, Kennedy and Norse starting pitcher Abigail Hunter helped Northfield win its first Three Rivers Conference volleyball championship last fall, so lots of important triumphs and memorable games went into the making of this softball state title, just

not all on the diamond. "When the school year

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# Arc of Wabash Co. submits annual funding request

Organization asks county for \$71,663, the same amount as in 2019 and 2020

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

mitted their 2022 budget request.

Patton said the requested amount of \$71,663 comprised their annual funding request for the next calendar year and was the same as they presented in both 2019 and 2020.

"These monies help us with our valuable work,' said Patton. "We're appre-At Monday's Wabash ciative and grateful for the County Board of Commis- history of funding from sioners meeting, Arc of Wabash County. We're Wabash County president able to provide services for and CEO Jeff Patton sub- folks in Wabash County

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# Burgess wins three SPJ awards

Plain Dealer editor honored during Monday's ceremony

STAFF REPORT

On Monday, the Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) announced the winners of their 2020 Best in Indiana Journalism Contest.

Among those recognized was Wabash Plain Dealer Editor Rob Burgess, who won awards in three separate categories for publications with circulation below

Burgess' second-place entry in the Personality Profile category was a story about local DivorceCare group leader Janet Quillen.

Burgess' third-place entry in the Criminal Justice Reporting category included two stories about overcrowding in the Wabash County Jail, two stories about the murder of Nakota "Fergie" Kelly and a story about the opening of the baby box at Wabash Fire Station 1.

Burgess' third-place entry in the Environmental

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# **ISDH** reports 83rd local COVID-19 death

State stops providing daily virus dashboard updates on Sundays

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) recently reported the 83rd COVID-19 death in Wabash County. On Monday, ISDH media

relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter said this virus fatality was reported to the ISDH on June 2, and appeared on the June 3 update of the dashboard. Before that, the ISDH re-

death in Wabash County on May 29. In addition, Wade-Taxter said starting with this past

ported the 82nd COVID-19

weekend, the ISDH would no longer update its daily statistics on Sundays.

"Throughout the pandemic, we have increased the amount of data we collect and display to give

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## **Judicial** Center security upgrades approved

SecureTech awarded the contract for both courthouse and annex work

**By ROB BURGESS** Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Several new security upgrades will soon be installed in the Wabash County Judicial Center.

The changes were approved during Monday's regular Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Court reporter Christa Stroup submitted the proposal on behalf of the judges of the Wabash County Circuit Court.

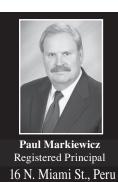
Stroup said the current system they have was installed when the building was first built over two decades ago.

"It also affects the courthouse," said Stroup.

Stroup said they have security buttons installed, which are pushed "if there is a cause for alarm" and they need assistance from the Wabash County Sheriff's Department deputies on hand.

Stroup said they found out how out-of-date their current

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#### VFW Wabash Post No. 286 fish fry Friday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) pasta salad or coleslaw and hush puppies. Wabash Post No. 286 will host a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 18 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, French fries, a choice of either 2463.

The cost will be \$9 per person. It will be open to the public. Carryout will be available.

For more information, call 260-563-

#### NORTHFIELD

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started, if you would have told me this group of girls would go to state, I would have said 'you're right.' Never would have though it would be in softball," said Northfield coach Brandon Baker, who took the job prior to the 2020 season only to have it shut down very early on by the

"But what a time to get hot and what time to put it all together."

Northfield's trail to the title was littered with ranked teams: wins over TRC-rival and No. 2 North Miami (4-2), No. 4 Caston (7-4) and No. 3 West Central (2-0) were required to claim the first softball sectional trophy in school history.

The Norse then pounded unranked Fremont (12-0) to win the first regional and upended No. 1 South Central (5-3) and No. 11 Cowan (3-2 in 11 innings) to capture the Northern Semi-state and set the stage for their crowning achievement on Friday.

Hunter mowed down the first six batters she faced, five by strikeouts, before surrendering a walk to lead off the bottom of the third. Clay City added a one-out single before Hunter got a fly out to right and a diving catch of a sinking liner by Kennedy in center to prevent at least one run from

Kennedy also made a great running catch in the right-center field gap on the second batter of the game to prevent extra bases and another running grab near the fence in left center for the third out in the sixth inning.

"My coach Kyle (France) always says just be an athlete," Kennedy said in reference to her catches. "You're an athlete, so just be an athlete, and that's what I've been doing.

"Every ball I have the mentality that I'm going to catch this ball no matter what. I'm just being an athlete.'

Clay City entered the championship collectively hitting .351 with 33 home runs by eight different players. But the Eels managed just four hits against Hunter, two in the fourth inning when they took a 1-0 lead, but the damage could have been much worse.

A lead off double was followed by one of Hunter's three walks. She knocked down a line drive up the middle on the next batter, then threw to third to retire the baserunner for the first out. Freshman Lexie Thompson's one-out single knocked home the Eels' only run.

"We really worked on keeping the ball up and focusing on rise balls," Hunter said of her approach to facing Clay City. "Whenever I missed it, they hit the ball so I had to make sure I kept it up in the zone."

Northfield committed one of its two errors to load the bases for Clay City with just one down in the fourth, but Baer nabbed a pop up at first and Dale ran down a short fly to right to leave the bases full.

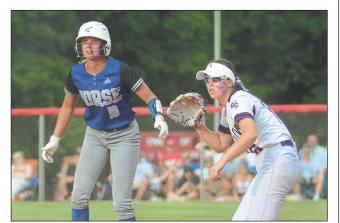
"We were behind in almost every postseason game we played, we didn't worry about it," Coach Baker said. "We've been there before. When they had bases loaded with one out, we didn't panic. We'd been there before.'

Still, Northfield had just two hits and three total baserunners through the first five innings against Clay City starter, senior Elyssa Secrest.

That changed when Baker stepped up in the top of the sixth. She lined Secrest's first pitch over the center field fence to even the score at 1-1 and provide an enormous momentum shift.

Kennedy and Baer each had singles in the inning, but were stranded at second and third when Rosen lined out to center for the third out.

Hunter issued a one-out walk in the fifth, but Baker snared a line-drive and fired to Baer to double the runner off first and end the inning. Hunter retired the Eels in order in the sixth, thanks to a nifty back hand snag by junior second baseman Crysta







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TOP: Northfield's Kyra Kennedy leads off first base in the first inning of the Norsemen's 3-1 win over Clay City in the Class A state softball championship on Friday. MIDDLE: Northfield's softball team hoists the champion's trophy after defeating Clay City in the Class A softball state title game Friday night in Greenwood. ABOVE: Northfield's Addi Baker was named the Class A Mental Attitude Awards winner for softball Friday night after the Norsemen captured the school's first state championship in the sport. Baker is pictured with her parents, Brandon and Jenny Baker.

Kennedy's catch in left center to finish the frame.

seventh with a bunt single, placed perfectly between the pitcher and first baseman. Although neither Kowalczuk nor sophomore Ella Hunter could bunt her up a base, it assured Baker would bat one more time in the game.

And again, she delivered.

Junior lefty Sophia Moshos relieved Secrest with one out and retired Hunter, but Baker drilled the second pitch she saw off the scoreboard in left to stake Northfield to its first lead at 3-1.

"I really was just trying to get a base hit. I haven't been hitting that good this postseason and I knew both of (Clay City's pitchers) threw all out-(side)," Baker said. "I was just trying to throw my hands at it and get a hit on the right side of the field and move people and get something going.

"Both times I hit pitcher's mistakes. They left them over the plate too much. I knew they wouldn't do it again so I

had to take it when I could." Moshos led off Clay City's final at-bats with a double to left, a ball nearly caught on a dive by Rosen. Krom caught a hard-grounder at third and fired to first for the first out. Rosen then made a diving catch along the left field line for the second, and Abigail Hunter left the circle and made a diving catch on short pop up along the first base line to end the game.

"Knowing my defense has my back, I can trust them with any ball that's hit," Hunter said. "I know if I miss a spot they'll make a play. They're amazing."

Amazing pretty aptly describes Northfield's postseason run and state championship. The Norsemen finished the season 20-9, on a six-game win streak and with gold medals hanging on blue ribbons

draped around their necks. "It is such an unbelievable feeling knowing that all of us seniors have worked so hard to be here today," Kennedy said. "In every sport we wanted to be here and we finally made it. I couldn't imagine any better

way to finish high school. Honestly, at the beginning of the season I never imagined it happening. At the beginning of sectional I never even imagined us getting out of section-

Kowalczuk for out No. 2 and al," she added. "As soon as we won semi-state I said we can win state. It's a crazy feeling Dale led off Northfield's to have in your head, to know you have the opportunity to come to state and win."

"We've worked so hard these last four years and just came up short every single year," Hunter said. "So for the last sport we have together, to be able to come out and get it done, it's just surreal."

Coach Baker summed up the accomplishment of winning a state championship and the legacy being left by Northfield's seniors with simplicity.

"They will go down as the most acclaimed athletes in Northfield history for everything that they've done," he

#### **Baker wins Class A Mental Attitude Award**

Baker capped her night and career winner of the prestigious Mental Attitude Award.

The award is presented annually to a senior participant in the state finals who best demonstrates mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability and is nominated by her principal and coach.

Baker is a member of the National Honor Society at Northfield, serves as a peer leader on the school's mental health awareness team, and also helps as a school aid.

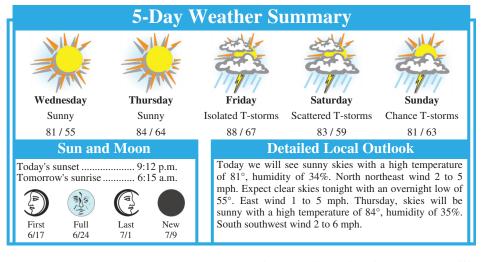
She was honored with the Three Rivers Conference Distinguished Award, is an academic all-conference selection and is a multiple sport athlete earning four varsity letters each in volleyball, basketball and softball.

Baker is the first Northfield girl to receive an IHSAA mental attitude award. Other previous recipients from the school include Hunter Wells in 2012 and Ryan Keaffaber in 2013, both in Class 2A baseball.

Addi is the daughter of Brandon and Jenny Baker of North Manchester and will attend Southern Illinois University to play softball. She is undecided on her area of study.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Northfield Junior-Senior High School in the name of Addi Baker.

Scott Hunt, Chronicle-Tribune sports editor, may be reached by email at shunt@chronicle-tribune.



#### DEATH

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Hoosiers a full view of the pandemic and its impact on Indiana. Data continue to be collected daily and will still be assigned to the appropriate date, rethe cadence of dashboard updates. As case counts decline, it is becoming less crucial to report that information daily," said Wade-Taxter.

This change coincides with the announcement by the ISDH that hey would closing COVID-19 testing sites run by OptumServe Health Services effective June 30. With the since Feb. 26, 2020. change, Parkview Wabash Hospital president Marilyn J. Custer-Mitchell said for free testing, Wabash County residents will have to visit a state-run testing site. Custer-Mitchell said Huntington, Miami and Kosciusko counties all have free testing sites still open.

Parkview Health public relations manager Tami Brigle said the COVID-19 diagnostic testing remains available at the Parkview FirstCare Walk-In Clinic in Wabash, but that the ISDH website still lists it as being at the Cass Street location. Brigle said the site was moved to 8 John Kissinger Drive at the Parkview Wabash medical office building earlier this year.

announced that 240 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and brings to 749,835 the num- 10th St., Hobart. ber of Indiana residents

lowing corrections to the ana St., Mooresville. previous day's dashboard.

are confirmed to have died Church, clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

unique individuals have mond, 2357 Chester Blvd., been tested in Indiana, up from 3,543,982 on Monday. A total of 10,671,209 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the North Vernon. state Department of Health

and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

vaccine; eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vachave access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, at most sites.

ics are planned on the following schedule:

- Blvd., Fort Wayne. ■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- through Thursday the Hobart High School private laboratories. That Aquatic Center, 2211 E.
  - From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. *plaindealer.com*.

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now known to have had Wednesday at Mooresville the novel coronavirus fol- High School, 550 N. Indi-

■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To date, 13,332 Hoosiers through Thursday at First 5387 from COVID-19, an in- Wheatfield; the Tippecacrease of seven from the noe County Amphitheater, previous day. Another 420 4449 IN-43, West Lafayprobable deaths have been ette; and the Reynolds gardless of any changes in reported to date based on parking lot, 401 W. Second St., Reynolds.

■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sat-A total of 3,546,442 urday at Ivy Tech-Rich-Richmond.

■ From 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at the Jennings County Fair, 4920 N. State Road 3,

Patients with an appointment at a state-hosted pub-To find testing sites lic vaccination site can get around the state, visit a free Uber or Lyft ride. www.coronavirus.in.gov Call 2-1-1 or 866-211-9966 to receive a voucher to cover the cost of an Hoosiers age 12 and old- Uber ride to and from er can receive a COVID-19 your vaccination appointindividuals ments. IU Health offers younger than age 18 are free Lyft rides to any vaccine site in the state. Call 888-IUHEALTH cination clinic near you, 484-3258) and choose opvisit https://ourshot.in.gov tion 9 if you need transor call 211 if you do not portation to your vaccine appointment.

As of Tuesday, a total of 5,425,240 doses have been but walk-ins are accepted administered in Indiana. This includes 2,733,554 Mobile vaccination clin-first doses and 2,691,686 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vac-■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. cinated number represents Wednesday at the Come individuals who have re-As You Are Community ceived a second dose of On Tuesday, the ISDH Church, 7910 S. Anthony the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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that have developmental and emotional disabilities.' Patton said the organization has been assisting

those in need locally since Patton said those with an intellectual or developmen-

tal disability (IDD) suffer from a severe or chronic condition, which is diagnosed before age 22 "but it will last a lifetime." "Folks who have an IDD

have problems with language, with learning, with mobility, with self-help and independent living," said Patton.

Patton said they aren't sure yet what all the causes for IDD to develop in individuals are, but the three main ones we're aware of at this point are Down's syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome and Fragile X syn-

autism, traumatic brain in- that work over there," jury, cerebral palsy and severe intellectual disability, among others. Patton said of the roughly

31,000 people in Wabash County, around 9.2 percent have a disability. During last school year, 89 students in Wabash County Schools had an intellectual or developmental disability, and 169 students had a specific learning disability.

"The programs and services that we provide are high school, among others. essential and your funding is essential to meeting these needs," said Patton.

Patton said during 2020, Arc of Wabash County served around 150 county youth and adults with eight core programs and services. Patton said these services include transportation and a pre-vocational training workshop.

"Many businesses around the county send us light as-

Patton. "We have a paper shredding business, we have a cardboard collecting and binding business."

Patton said during the last year, the workshop produced over \$400,000 in revenue.

Patton said they also support independent living, a community employment program and a high school program in which they have someone stationed in every

Patton said they also provide a respite program where they send their staff into caregiver's home and we'll care for the individual with disability.

"That could be for two hours, that could be for two days," said Patton. "That work is very important."

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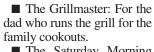
### Specially curated Father's Day gift baskets available from Wabash Marketplace

Celebrate dad with a gift basket featuring downtown Wabash merchandise

**STAFF REPORT** 

specially curated Father's items from downtown Wabash businesses, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

Each gift basket is valued at \$100 and available for purchase online by visiting Miami St. WabashMarketplace.org/ all-products.



■ The Saturday Morning Man: For the dad who dresses to impress and brings his signature dad jokes to the

■ The Casually Cool Guy: Wabash Marketplace has For the dad who spends time prepping for his Saturday af-Day gift baskets featuring ternoon with coffee and car-

> Orders must be placed by Thursday, June 17 and picked up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 18 at Wabash Marketplace, 189 S.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email Father's Day gift baskets at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.



The Casually Cool Guy: For the dad who spends time prepping for his Saturday afternoon with coffee and cartoons.



The Grillmaster: For the dad who runs the grill for the family cookouts.



The Saturday Morning Man: For the dad who dresses to impress and brings his signature dad jokes to the party.

## Downtown Wabash Shop Hop continues throughout June

Modoc's Market, JoJo's OlFactory, Wooden Ivy, Eclectic Shoppe participating

**STAFF REPORT** 

Shop Hop has returned lected in early July. downtown Wabash and marketing manager W. Canal St. Morgan Ellis.

pleted, participants will ford of Wabash.

submit their form to one of the participating businesses or Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road.

June Shop Hop forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 30 for a chance to win.

The winner will be se-

The four downtown busithrough Wednesday, June nesses participating in 30 and includes a chance June's Shop Hop include to win a prize of \$100 in Modoc's Market, 205 S. Shop Hop Dollars, which Miami St.; JoJo's OlFactoare redeemable at the par- ry & Co., 36 W. Canal St.; ticipating businesses, ac- Wooden Ivy Boutique & cording to Wabash Mar- Floral, 12 W. Market St.; ketplace public relations and Eclectic Shoppe, 42

Entry forms are avail-Participants will take a able at each of the partic-June Shop Hop form to ipating businesses and a each participating business digital copy of the form is and receive a validation available at WabashMarket mark, no purchase neces- place.org. Sponsorship for sary. Once the Shop Hop Downtown Wabash Shop form is 100 percent com- Hop is provided by Bick-

#### **Elizabeth Ann Gilbert**

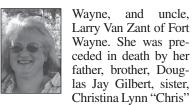
Sept. 9, 1961 - June 9, 2021

Elizabeth Ann Gilbert, 59, of Lafayette, Indiana, died 2:03 pm, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at Franciscan Health in Lafayette. She was born on Sept.

9, 1961, in Wabash, Indiana, to Max E. and Shelby Jean (Van Zant) Gilbert.

Elizabeth was a 1979 graduate of Southwood High School, attended Franklin College where she played volleyball, and graduated from Ball State University. She worked for H.U.D. as in inspector for several years. Elizabeth enjoyed traveling, listening to music, and was an avid animal lover.

She is survived by her mother, Shelby Jean Gilbert of Wabash, brother, Eric (Nora) Gilbert of Houston, Texas, three ican Diabetes Association. aunts, Judie (Bill) Silvers of Texas, and Luann Coy of Fort com.



Gilbert, and grandparents, Russell and Evelyn (Snyder) Gilbert, and Kenneth and Dorothy (Schultz) Van Zant. Funeral services will be 2 pm, Thursday, June 17, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manwith David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in La-Fontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery, LaFontaine. Friends may call one hour prior to the service, Thursday at the funeral

Preferred memorial is Amer-

The memorial guest book Fort Wayne, Indiana, Mari- for Elizabeth may be signed lyn Komechak of Fort Worth, at www.grandstaff-hentgen.

#### Victoria Ann Gerbers

Victoria Ann Gerbers, 75, passed away Friday, June 11, 2021. Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Victoria was a daughter of the late Al and Eva Leis.

She graduated from Huntertown High School. Victoria married Bruce Gerbers and were married for 55 years. They owned and operated several businesses including Gerbers Patio and riding their Harley and enjoyed sunny days in their proud grandma. Victoria from 3 pm to 6pm.



also enjoyed watching competitive sports of all types and giving the coaches and NASCAR drivers her opinions and pointers for success. Surviving are her husband,

Rodney Schely (Steve) Lengacher; grandchildren, Peyton Lengacher, Bret Lengacher, Lillian Gerbers; and sister, Sue Wood-Burning Shop. She (Niles) Pfafman. Victoria was loved traveling the country preceded in death by her sister, Cathy Wilcoxon.

A Celebration of Victoria's Mustang with the top down. Life will be on Saturday, June June 13, 2021, at She fiercely loved her hus- 19, 2021 at FairHaven Funerband, enjoyed raising her al Home and Cremation Serchildren and was a very vices, 6557 N. Clinton Street,

#### **Layker Halston Hentgen**

Funeral services for Layker ories shared by her mother Halston Hentgen, were 2 Kourtney Hentgen and her pm, Friday, June 11, 2021, at grandmother Jane Hentgen. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral The pallbearer was her uncle Service, Wabash. Pastor Na- Alex Hentgen. Entombment a half years, and was also three sisters. than Whybrew officiated and was in the Chapel of Re- a self employed painter. Susan Vanlandingham was membrance Mausoleum at Don was a former memthe musician. Special mem- Memorial Lawns Cemetery.

#### **Gary Albert Rice**

Marion, Indiana, passed away at 8:11 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held 21, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Gary Albert Rice, 79, of Pastor Kevin Greenlee offi-

to the funeral service, starting at 11 a.m. on Monday, June at 9 a.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.

#### Larry A. Brewer, Sr

June 10, 1950 - June 12, 2021

Larry A. Brewer, Sr., 71, of Wabash, Indiana, died Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was born June 10, 1950, in Wabash, to Flavius and Naomi (Arbuckle) Brewer.

Larry was 1969 Peru High School graduate. He married Karen S. Thompson in Fort Wayne on Dec. 31, 1974. Larry was a truck driver 48 years, drove for Pierceton Trucking sevchester Avenue, Wabash, eral years, and co-owned, along with his wife Karen, Larry Brewer Catering. He was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, taught the 6th Grade Sunday School class 11 years, and was the church custodian several years. Larry was a charter member of the Richvalley Lions Club and a former member of the Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department. He was a collector of Oliver Farm Equipment.

He is survived by his wife, Karen S. Brewer of Wabash, three children, Larry A. (Caroline) Brewer, Jr. of Tecumseh, Michigan, Angela M. Aldrich of Indianapolis, Indiana, and William F. (Tiffany) Brewer of Bruce Gerbers; children, Tom Aldrich of Indianap- www.grandstaff-hentgen. (Lany) Gerbers, olis, William D. Brewer, com.



Kaitlyn Brewer, and Kylie Brewer, all of Wabash, Trent Brewer and Sibilla Brewer, both of Tecumseh. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Doris Jean Brewer and Joyce Ann Brewer.

Funeral services will be 10 am, Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Stokes officiating. Friends may call 3-7 pm Friday, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, at a later date.

Preferred memorial is Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The memorial guest book Wabash, six grandchildren, for Larry may be signed at

#### **Donald Lee Flynn**

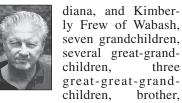
Aug. 11, 1936 - June 13, 2021

Donald Lee Flynn, 84, of Wabash, Indiana, died 8:34 am, Sunday, Parkview Regional Medical Center in

on Aug. 11, 1936, in Wabash, Indiana, to Clarence and Emma (Meredith) Flinn.

Don was married to Mary Earhart and she survives. He retired from General Tire in Wabash after 41 and ber of the Wabash Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, going to Michigan mushkaraoke. Don was an avid ciating. Burial will follow at IU basketball and Chicago Speicher Cemetery in Urbana. Cubs baseball fan. He and Calling for family and his wife Mary wintered in friends will be two hours prior Inverness, Florida for 15

He is survived by his wife, Mary Flynn of Wabash, two daughters, Alice Wells of Huntington, In-



Fort Wayne. He was born Ronald E. (Sue) Flynn of Wabash, and Don and Mary's special friend, Jack Perkins of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Donald Wayne Flynn, and Larry Flynn, grandson, Andrew Slone, five brothers and

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Friday, June 18, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor room hunting, and singing Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 12:30 - 2 pm, Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Wabash V.F.W. Post 286.

The memorial guest book for Don may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.

# Musicians from around the world to perform live at Eagles Theatre

Honeywell Arts Academy presents three events featuring the highest level of instrumentation

**STAFF REPORT** 

musicians from around the world will play three live performances at Eagles Theatre as part of Honeywell Arts Academy, a premier summer music program debuting in June, communications Courtney Harvey.

Performances will feature

for Three Founder Ranaan Meyer, Pianist/NPR Host Peter Dugan, and five other esteemed faculty members.

Honeywell Arts Academy, a part of Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, is a unique full scholarship music academy that will bring elite musicians from around the world – from the U.S. to Canada, South Korea, and Mexico to Wabash for collaborative learning and growth. An expansion of Wabass Institute for double bassists founded in 2008, Honeywell Arts according to development Academy is comprised of manager three, week-long summer programs: Resonance Institute for versatile musicians, the diverse musical talents Soundboard Institute for pi-

musicians including Time institutes will conclude with together for an evening of public performances at Eagles Theatre.

> Honeywell Arts Academy performances at Eagles Theatre include: Institute ■ Resonance

Performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17: Experience an evening of innovative artistry that knows no boundaries. The fellowship scholars along with faculty mentors' singers and fiddle players Charles Yang, Nick Kendall, bassist Ranaan Meyer from Time for Three and pianist Peter Dugan will take you on a musical journey that will leave you resonating with joy. Institute ■ Soundboard

Performance at 7:30 p.m. ars, curated by professional for double bassists. All three from around the globe come HoneywellArts.org.

collaborative ing at Eagles Theatre. The culmination of Soundboard Institute, the fellowship scholars along with faculty mentors Peter Dugan and John O'Conor bring you an evening of dazzling 88-keys artistry.

■ Wabass Institute Performance at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 28: Wabass Institute's final performance has been surprising audiences for the past 14 years. Explore the unexpected musical heights of the double bass with the fellowship scholars alongside faculty Eric Larson, Ranaan Meyer and Hal Robinson. Tickets are \$25 and

of thirty world-class schol- anists, and Wabass Institute Tuesday, June 22: Pianists available for purchase at

# Local students named to Goshen College dean's list for the spring semester

Three graduates of Manchester High School honored

STAFF REPORT

Goshen College recently recognized 173 under- and marine science. graduate students for ex-

including three local students who are graduates of Manchester High School, and marine science. according to a press re-

Anna Osborne, a senior, a 3.75 GPA while com-

cellence in academics on senior, majors in molecular the designated semester the spring 2021 dean's list, biology and biochemistry. Madison Sorg, a senior, majors in environmental

are included in the Dean's List selection process. Initiated in the fall of

1999, the dean's list cele-The dean's list includes brates the achievement of students earning at least Goshen College students who have met high acamajors in environmental pleting at least 12 hours demic standards and can of coursework for a letter motivate students to pre-Benjamin Reichenbach, a grade. Only grades from pare for graduate studies.



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This is primarily a storm drainage project that includes installation of approximately 1,400 LF of 12-inch to 30-inch storm sewer. Work also includes approximately 300 LF of 8-inch sanitary sewer, related appurtenances, and site restoration including full width mill & resurface. There will be no Pre Bid Meeting held for this project. All prime contractors, subcontractors, small, minority, disadvantaged and/or wo-men business enterprises and other interested parties are invited and encouraged to submit a Bid. Contractors and subcontractors performing public works with a value of \$300,000 or greater must be certified by the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) in accordance with IC 4-13.6-4. The Bidding Documents may be examined at the fol-

lowing locations: · United Consulting, 8440 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 200, Indianapolis,

- City of Wabash, 202 S. Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992
- Dodge Data & Analytics (Plan Room) BX Indiana Construction League (Plan Room)

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of United Consulting, located at 8440 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46250 (phone 317-895-2585; fax 317-895-2596), upon a <u>nonrefundable</u> payment of \$100.00 for each set. Any questions, comments, or requests for clarification should be made to United Consulting. No Bid will be considered unless submitted on a copy of the printed Proposal Form in the Bidding Documents. Bidders must obtain Bidding Documents from United Consulting to be included in the project plan holders list to ensure proper notification of any Addendum. Failure to obtain Bidding Documents in this manner may be deemed as non-responsive and may result in Bid rejection. Each Bid

must include the following completed and executed items: Proposal Form

- 2. Form 96 (State Board of Accounts)
- Bidder's Financial Statement (if required by Form 96)
   Bid Bond or certified check (5% of Bid amount)

5. E-Verify Affidavit 6. Bidder's written plan for a program to test Bidder's employees for drugs in accordance with IC 4-13-18. Before commencing Work, the Bidder to whom the Work is awarded will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in an amount equal to the Contract Price, and certificates of insurance as required in the Specifications. All Bonds and liability insurance shall remain in effect for a period of twelve (12) months following completion and OWNER acceptance of construction. Failure to execute a Contract and to furnish Bonds, certificates of insurance, and IDOA certification, as hereinafter set out will be cause for forfeiture to the OWNER of the amount of money represented by the certified check or Bidder's Bond, as and for liquidated damages. A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted. No Bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids for at least 60 days to allow review of Bids before announcing award of Contract. Bidders shall be required to meet all applicable State requirements including but not limited to those in IC 4-13-18, 4-13.6-4, 5 16-13, 22-5-1.7 and 36-1-12. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, or to make such combination of Bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. The OWNER may award Bids based upon selection of any combination of Proposal Form line items as well as mandatory alternatives. Bids shall be awarded to the Bidder or Bidders deemed to be the lowest, re sponsible, and responsive by the OWNER. By the order of the City of Wabash Stormwater Board June 2021 HSPAXLP.6/16.6/23/2021

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#### Wabash

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#### 0900

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-21-0011-SS Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department basement, Miam
Street entrance, 79 W. Main Street, Wabash, IN Judgment to be Satisfied: \$82,710.62

Cause Number: 85D01-1907-MF-000617 Plaintiff: The Bank of New York Mellon, successor to The Bank of not in its individual capacity

behalf of the holders of the CIT Mortgage Loan Trust, 2007-1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1 Defendant: Nichole L. Culver, State of Indiana and Merl G. Ellis

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Wabash Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at 79 West Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in

ot Number One Hundred Thirty-nine (139), One Hundred Forty (140) and One Hundred Forty-One (141) in Ross Heights Addition to the

Commonly Known as: 235 GRANT ST, WABASH, IN 46992-1105

Parcel No. 85-14-02-301-135.000-009

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant Phone: (260) 563-8891

Property Tax ID: 85-14-02-301-135.000-009

Township of property location: Noble Common street address of property: 235 Grant St, Wabash, IN

Attorney: MATTHEW S. LOVE Attorney Number: 18762-29 Law Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy, P.C. Contact Number: (317) 237-2727 F&H Reference #: 101465F01

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#### 0100



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2 BR 616 S Boots St; \$90/wk

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2 BR 624 S Boots St; \$100/wk basic utilities included

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, in Cause No. 85D01-2102-MF-000126, wherein Grant County State Bank was Plaintiff and Robert K. Hudson was Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 10th day of August, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 a.m of said day as listed above, at the Wabash County Sheriff's Office, 79 W. Main Street, Wabash, Indiana, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana: Part of the north half of Lot Numbered Seventy-Two (72) in Ewing and Hanna's Addition to the City of Wabash, bounded and described as

follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot Numbered Seventy-Two (72); thence south along the west line thereof one hundred forty (140) feet; thence east parallel with the north line of said Lot twenty-two and sixty-five hundredths (22.65) feet; thence north one hundred forty (140) feet to a point in said north line twentythree and five tenths (23.5) feet east from the northwest corner of said Lot; thence west twenty-three and five tenths (23.5) feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 457 W. Main Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992 Parcel No.: 85-14-40-404-018.000-009 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3

/s/ Ryan Baker Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County, Indiana /s/ Michael E. Farrer

Noble Township

Attorney, Michael E. Farrer/#6784-49 Date 06/10/2021

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BILLY EUGENE DILLON, Deceased NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of June, 2021, CATHY ANN DILLON was appointed personal representative of the unsupervised estate of BILLY EUGENE DILLON, deceased, who died on the 6th day of May, 2021.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the

claims will be forever barred. Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 4th day of June, 2021. /s/Lori J. Draper (SEAL)

LORI DRAPĖR, Člerk Wabash Circuit Court Attorney for the Estate:

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#### 0900

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**Board of School Trustees** 

Wabash City Schools

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools has preliminarily determined to enter into a second amendment to lease agreement and issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$3,360,000 to fund the renovation of and improvements to Wabash High School, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology. Dated: June 16, 2021

HSPAXLP.06/16,06/23/2021 0900

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED Second AMENDMENT TO LEASE WABASH CITY SCHOOLS

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Wabash City Schools (the "School Corporation") on July 19, 2021 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana, upon a proposed Second Amendment to Lease (the "Second Amendment") to be entered into between Wabash City Schools Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation"), as lessor, and the School Cor-

poration, as lessee. The proposed Second Amendment upon which the hearing will be held amends the Lease Agreement originally dated April 11, 2011, as amended by a First Amendment to Lease dated as of November 7, 2011 (as amended, the "Original Lease", and together with the Second Amendment, the "Lease"). The Second Amendment increases the annual Lease rental by a maximum of \$500,000 payable on June 30 and December 31 beginning with the completion of the renovation of and

improvements to the Leased Premises or June 30, 2022 As additional rental, the School Corporation shall maintain insurance on the Leased Premises as required in the Lease, shall pay all taxes and assessments against such Leased Premises, as well as the cost of alterations and repairs, and shall pay rebate amounts to the United States Treasury, if necessary. After the sale by the Building Corporation of its bonds (the "Bonds") to pay for the cost of the renovation and improvements, including any other expenses incidental thereto, the increased annual Lease rental stated above shall be reduced to an amount equal to the multiple of \$1,000 next higher than the sum of principal and interest due on the Bonds in each twelve-month period ending on January 15 plus \$5,000 payable in equal semiannual install-

The Lease gives an option to the School Corporation to purchase the Leased Premises on any Lease rental payment date.

The Leased Premises is a portion of Wabash High School located at

580 N. Miami Street, Wabash, Indiana in the School Corporation. The plans, including the estimates for the cost of the renovation and improvement, as well as a copy of the proposed Second Amendment, are available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours, at the Administration Building of the School Corporation, 189 W. Market Street, Wabash, Indiana.

At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the Second Amendment, and upon whether the increased Lease rental provided for therein to be paid to the Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for the renovations to the Leased Premises. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following such hearing the Board may either authorize the execution of the Second Amendment as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2021. Rhonda Hipskind, Secretary Board of School Trustees Wabash City Schools HSPAXLP.06/16/2021

**A6** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 Wabash Plain Dealer

### Man finds little support from so-called partner

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay man who has been in an onagain/off-again relationship for three years. My partner still lives at home with his mother. He has never left the home, aside from a four-month period when he and his mom weren't getting along.

#### Dear Abby



My issue is, aside from fully never committing, my partner, "Damien," seems to always find a way to abandon me when I hit a rough

patch. I lose my job and I'm low on money? He yells at me and leaves. And he manages to not return until I'm 'back on my feet.'

When the coronavirus hit and I had all my bills paid but nothing to eat, I finally had to say, "Hey, can you get me something?" We go to a burger place, the line's long and he complains nonstop about the wait. We leave and go to my place to hang out. Then he leaves and calls me and talks about what he's going to eat. I hang up.

Before, when I was homeless, even though he doesn't have a place of his own, he never offered any help. If I say, "I know you're really guarded with your money,' he becomes enraged. And when he hears about my difficulties, he talks down to me and mocks the situation I am in. He attributes his never leaving home to his family helping him and caring about him. The fact that I'm not in a situation like his implies my family doesn't care. Can you help? - A Lot Wrong In Texas

DEAR A LOT WRONG: I'll try. It's time you recognized that Damien is NOT your "partner." Partners HELP each other when they are in trouble. The sooner you lose this person, the sooner you will start to feel better. Damien is all about Damien. His character is fully formed. You can't change him, and neither can I. Leaving Damien may help you become more independent - and that's a good thing. Trust me on that.

**DEAR ABBY:** I love my wife dearly. We've been married for 21 years. I'm frustrated with how she dresses for work and when we go out. Her idea of fashion is wearing clothes that are too large in size for her. I don't like going out in public with her when she dresses that way. Granted, she put on some weight after our third child, but she still has a nice, shapely figure. I have seen women with similar body shapes who wear closer-fitting clothes, and they look great. How can I convey that her style is unflattering without upsetting her? - Frustrated With Frumpy

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** Your wife may dress the way she does because she's self-conscious about her weight or simply because she thinks loose-fitting clothes are more comfortable. Because you feel they don't flatter her, start by asking why she's dressing the way she does. Tell her you think she is beautiful and that the items she is choosing don't do justice to her "nice, shapely figure." You might even volunteer to go with her to help her choose some things, if she's interested. But if she isn't, let the subject drop because, ultimately, she's going to wear whatever she

wants. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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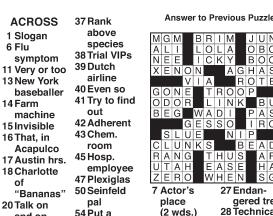
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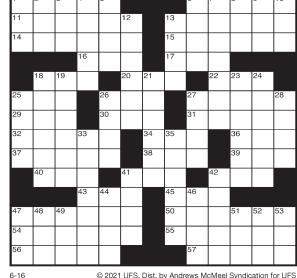
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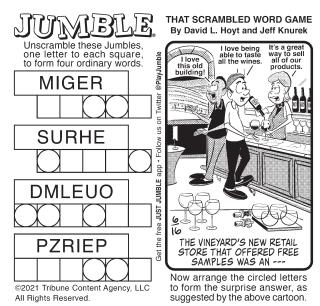
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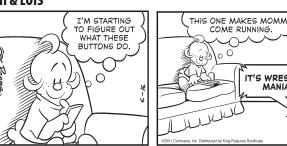
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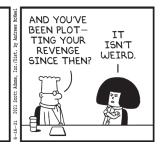




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#### Happiness should never depend on circumstance

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

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dried up, and Billy he says he has Graham lost his faith in God. It seems My Answer hopeless to him keep

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pulled out of New York. Passengers from nearly every country across Europe were on their way home. The ship was brilliantly lit. The orchestra played at dinner. The passengers idled the hours away in pleasure and anticipation as the ship sliced through the waters of the North Atlantic on its way

to Southampton. Three days out the news was flashed to the ship that Britain and France had declared war. Lights were doused; passen-

gers scrambled to their cabins. Emergency guns were mounted in the stern and bow in response to the news of enemy submarines lurking near. Out of the darkness came a mighty explosion. The ship began to list and lifeboats were lowered. The voyage that began full of anticipation and joy had ended in stark tragedy. Many young lives have start-

ed just this way, living for Christ as long as things remained good but then turning their backs on God when things began to crumble. This is also the story of the children of Israel. The Apostle Paul penned wise

words that all people would do well to commit to memory and keep before them. "Stand fast [assured] in the Lord... I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be [humbled], and I know how to abound" (Philippians 4:1, 11-12).

Parents can help their children learn that happiness should never depend on circumstances, but to look beyond the circumstances in order to learn to trust God even in the dark times. Those who trust in Him don't focus on circumstances but rather on the resources of God.

#### **CELEBRITY CIPHER**

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and pre-Each letter in the cipher stands for another. "T JPHDKPS UVX YMIU

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#### **LETTERS GUIDELINES**

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@ wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

# Using the Justice Dept. for political gain

President Joe Biden's Justice Department has vowed to stop secretly obtaining reporters' records finally.

It's about time a president drew a firm line against a Justice Department that would use its broad powers to hunt down reporters and their records. Too many administrations – Republican and Democratic alike – have gone after reporters for confidential sources, even to the extent of criminal prosecutions.

To show how entrenched the practice has become, consider that it was May 21 when Biden first told reporters that he would stop his Justice Department from seizing journalists' phone records. This was after reports that the Trump administration had taken phone and e-mail records for reporters at the Washington Post and CNN, including logs of personal e-mail accounts and home phones. A horrified Biden said, "Absolutely, positively, it's wrong. It's simply, simply wrong. I will not let that happen."

But as it turned out, Biden's own Justice Department had been pursuing the investigation that started under President Donald Trump, including issuing a gag order that for months had prevented New York Times lawyers from discussing the investigation even with top editors. Times Executive Editor Dean Baquet was explicit: "The Justice Department relentlessly pursued the identity of sources for coverage that was clearly in the public interest in the final 15 days of the Trump administration. And the Biden administration continued to pursue it."

And on Thursday, the Times revealed that Trump's Justice De-

partment also took the unusual step later William Barr. Trump urged of seizing records from U.S. House Democrats as part of the administration's investigation into leaks related to the Russia probe and other national security issues. That news, appropriately, has now drawn the attention of the department's internal watchdog.

All of these revelations are deeply troubling. Press freedom is foundational to democracy. Citizens cannot hold their government accountable if they don't know what it is doing. That's why the founders of this nation made press freedom part of the First Amendment. When deployed to learn reporters' sources, government subpoenas, search warrants and gag orders are an infringement of that freedom, intended to intimidate reporters and sources alike.

After news reports surfaced of President George W. Bush's warrantless wiretapping program, his administration began investigating reporters' sources. Under President Barack Obama, with Biden as vice president, the Justice Department seized journalists' records at the Associated Press in 2013, and used a search warrant to obtain the e-mails of a Fox News reporter. That created enough of an uproar that then-Attorney General Eric Holder tightened guidelines on leak investigations, including a ban on describing journalists as "criminal co-conspirators," as had been done with the Fox reporter.

Then came Trump, with his well-known contempt for reporters, whom he described as "enemies of the people." Leak investigations continued to climb under his attorneys general, both Jeff Sessions and Star-Tribune.

former FBI Director James Comey to consider jailing reporters.

Biden's commitment to upholding press freedoms is welcome after the past few administrations. It has been followed by a Justice Department policy revision that stated, "Going forward, consistent with the president's direction, this Department of Justice – in a change to its longstanding practice – will not seek compulsory legal process in leak investigations to obtain source information from members of the news media doing their jobs."

This should never have become a "longstanding practice." Journalists are not here to recycle government press releases. Their job is to ask the hard questions, the ones government officials would rather not answer. Thankfully, the president appears to recognize that role and has communicated his views to his attorney general.

Testifying before Congress earlier in the week, before news broke on the targeting of Democratic members of Congress, Attorney General Merrick Garland said that "going forward, we have adopted a policy which is the most protective of journalists' ability to do their jobs in history. ... We will not use compulsory process in leak investigations to require reporters to provide information about their sources." He can add Congress to that promise.

Biden is right to put an end to these shameful tactics directed at news media members, and to ensure his Justice Department is committed to the same.

This editorial was first published in the

#### **LETTERS**

#### Court ruling will make it tougher to sell my pigs

My farm, Martin Family Farms, sells pigs to a processing facility that utilizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture's New Swine Inspection System (NSIS), which allows for pork processing facilities to operate at a faster rate. NSIS, initiated during the Clinton administration and evaluated at five pilot plants over 20 years, was approved for industry-wide adoption in 2019. Even with this two-decade track record, a federal court recently struck down an NSIS provision that could result in a 2.5 percent loss in nationwide packing capacity unless USDA challenges this decision.

Since my farm markets pigs to one of the plants that were operating under the new system for increased speeds, we will be disproportionately affected. The plant we sell to will need to decrease the number of pigs they accept which will create a backup of animals on the farm. This change could put us in a place where we don't know where our pigs will be processed in the future or how much we will be able to sell them for.

It's not just our farm. The court ruling will affect Indiana's nearly 3,000 hog farms and trickle down throughout the entire economy. Even farms that don't sell directly to one of these plants could still be hit in the pocketbook once there are more pigs in the U.S. than there is production capacity. Indiana hog production generates 14,590 jobs and contributes more than \$633 million in personal income. All of this could be in jeopardy if this damaging court ruling stands.

If small hog farmers are forced out of business, we will see a more consolidated pork industry. This could reduce competition, drive industry consolidation, and concentrate more power in the hands of pork processors – all with the stroke of a judge's pen.

We can avoid these damaging outcomes. We need USDA to stand up for Indiana hog farmers and other producers across the country by both appealing the federal court decision and seeking a stay, halting the ruling from being enacted at the end of next month. This will help preserve my farm's market access and many other Indiana farms in a similar situation.

> **Brian Martin Martin Family Farms** Williamsport

#### **Change in Indiana's** youth-employment law coming

The countdown is on – and employers have less than a month left to prepare for a change in youth-employment law in Indiana. In the 2020 legislative session, the General Assembly amended youth-employment law to eliminate work permits for minor employees effective July 1. But that change comes with a new responsibility for Hoosier employers, and one that bears a penalty of up to \$400 per infraction if an employer is found to be out of compliance with the

Starting July 1, employers who hire five or more minor employees (under age 18), per location, must register those employees in the new Youth Employment System, or YES for short. Schools will no longer be responsible for tracking and reporting minor employee data. That responsibility will rest with the employer.

This change will help take the administrative burden off of the schools, simplify the process for both students and employers, and enable employers to more quickly onboard minor employees. And with the summer getting into full swing, which is also the largest youth-employment season of the year,

this change comes at a crucial time. Schools will continue to have the opportunity to monitor which employers are hiring minor employees in their communities via YES, and can request public information in the system specific to their students. This will enable schools to continue to collaborate with employers to balance a student's employment and academic performance throughout the school year.

To help employers prepare for this change, the Bureau of Youth Employment (a division of the Indiana Department of Labor) launched YES on June 1 – giving affected employers time to set up their accounts and test-drive the system before the new law goes into effect. Employers can get started by visiting www.dol.in.gov/youthemployment.htm and selecting the YES! button.

Employers and local business organizations can also request a digital communication kit to help inform their Indiana affiliates and local employers about this change in youth employment law. To request a kit, organizations can email media@dol.in.gov and type YES KIT in the subject line.

We strongly encourage employers who are affected by this law to set up their YES accounts today and be compliant before July 1, when the law goes fully into effect. For questions about YES or the change in youth-employment law, please visit www.dol.in.gov/ youthemployment.htm

Michael Myers Director, Bureau of **Youth Employment Indiana Department of Labor** 



### What does the hot housing market in Wabash County tell us about our communities?

By KYLE MAY

The sales price for a home in Wabash County is up 21 percent or \$25,000 from this time last year.

Competition among buyers is fierce, and with limited inventory and very few new builds, the timeon-market is among the lowest in the state. Over the last ten years, the county has outpaced the state in median sales price growth (85 percent increase in the county compared to 70 percent in Indiana) while losing more than 1,000 residents. Local realtor Robert Lundquist shared his thoughts on the divergent phenomena.

"It's not as if people don't want to live in Wabash. I'm working with clients from across the state and as far away as the west coast, who are looking for a home in our county. The issue is with inventory. We simply don't have the options

and we're not building them ... at least we're not building them fast enough," said Lundquist. And the numbers support Mr.

Lundquist's notion. At the time of this release, fewer than 40 properties were actively listed in the county, far from the expected average of around 300 entering the summer. Homebuilding – outside of a

handful of small projects--has not occurred in the county at scale in more than three decades. And last, the cost of remodeling projects for older homes drastically increased through the pandemic with labor prices and materials prices at alltime highs. These factors make for a highly competitive real estate market, even in a community with a

declining population. The conditions in the rental market are similar. While the

county is dominated by owner-occupied housing (74 percent of all households), the competition in the for-sale market has driven up rent demand to levels consistent with metropolitan counties like Allen to the east. At this time, there are 10 two-bedroom rental units available across the county; there were more than 50 available in Kosciusko County to the north.

"If you're a landlord with a good property and a strong track record, you hardly need to advertise a vacancy, if at all. The demand is through the roof. We've tried to stabilize our rent demand as much as possible but when you have people operating in a highly-competitive housing environment the numbers move quickly," said a local property owner.

The strong housing numbers indicate a latent demand among prospective residents. This is a primary opportunity for the communities of the county. Leveraging the energy, however, will require new growth. With nearly 39 percent of housing built in 1939 or earlier and less than 10 percent built in the last 20 years, Wabash homes are significantly older than the average home in Indiana. Given this high average age, there will likely be an increasing number of homes in the county that require significant rehabilitation and maintenance. Without replacement and new development, the situation could continue to devolve.

The number of building permits issued each year is down by over 100 permits since the peak in 1997, and more permits were issued that year than from 2015 to 2019 combined. In the last two decades, very few new housing subdivisions have

been developed. There is significant

pressure on the county's current

Imagine One 85 is a process to confront the population challenge

Through direct engagement with the community and stakeholders and in-depth analysis of the county's conditions and trends, the Steering Committee is working to develop a strong and visionary plan to help lead the communities of the county toward growth. A recent presentation by the group revealed that the county would need to grow by 85 new families or households each year to recapture its previous population high in 25 years. The '+85" initiative is emerging as a central recommendation of the

comprehensive plan with strategies

focused squarely on the challenge.

On Wednesday, July 14 the Steering Committee will host an event to share the challenges and potential of Wabash County and make big decisions about our path forward. The Imagine One 85 Growth Summit will be a unique and interactive moment for community members to share and make a direct impact on their community. The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Honeywell Plaza and include food and entertainment highlighting the best of Wabash County. Attendance is free and registration is available on the project website by visiting www.imagineone85.org.

This is the third in a multi-part series developed to share the major findings of the Imagine One 85 analysis and community conversations. For more information on the content or reports, contact Imagine One 85 project manager Kyle May by email at kyle@planning-next.com. The full series will also be shared on the process website, by visiting www.imagineone85.org.

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### Appointments still available for Check-Up Day at Parkview Wabash

Common lab tests will be available at reduced cost Thursday

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Parkview Wabash Hospital will host a Check-Up Day on Thursday, June 17 at 10 John Kissinger Drive, to enable people who need common lab tests to obtain them at a reduced cost, according to public relations specialist Leslie Megison.

Megison said additional appointments have been added, and a limited number of slots are still available.

Parkview Wabash is partnering with the Parkview Center for Healthy Living, whose team members will be providing lab draws in the first-floor Classrooms A, B and C at the hospital from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 17.

Participants must pre-register by calling 260-266-

6500. Walk-ins cannot be B, C and D all offer a lipaccepted for this event.

When registering, callers should leave a message including their name and phone number. The Center for Healthy Living's office hours is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through

Payment for testing must be made in advance and by credit card only. Individuals calling to pre-register will receive a reminder call from a Center for Healthy member, team who will collect the credit card information. On the ness package should fast business day before the Check-Up Day event, the individual's credit card will be charged for the tests they've chosen.

offered: hemogram (\$10); prostate-specific antigen, Up Day guests and staff, or PSA (\$30), for men over thyroid-stimulating hormone, or TSH (\$30); hemoglobin A1C (\$20); and vitamin D (\$40).

Wellness packages A,

id profile and a comprehensive metabolic profile. Package A is \$35. Package B adds a hemogram to the other two tests for a cost of \$45. Package C adds the hemogram plus hemoglobin A1C and TSH test for a cost of \$80. Package D is the same as Package C but adds the PSA for men and costs \$105. Testing information can also be found in the Classes & Events calendar on parkview.com at this

Anyone selecting a wellfor 10 to 12 hours before their appointment. During fasting, sips of water and regular medications are OK. Questions may be di-These single tests will be rected to 260-266-6500. For the safety of Check-

> COVID-19 safety precautions will be taken. By Parkview policy, masks must be worn at all times in the hospital and social distancing observed.

#### **SECURITY**

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system was when they went to look into upgrades.

"We needed more buttons and we found out they no longer support that system," said Stroup.

Stroup said they asked for quotes to have the system upgraded, which they received. However, the initial quotes did not include strobe lights, which is something they wanted to be included for safety reasons.

"If something were to hap- well. pen in the courtroom or the need to lock your doors," said Stroup.

requested including the said Stroup. strobe lights, SecureTech \$15,860 for the emergency mously. duress system, said Stroup.

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Stroup said it was importcourt staff office, it doesn't ant for them to move quickly notify the other portion of on the project as they were that office that something's planning on holding substangoing immediately and you tial jury trials in the next few months.

"We've been doing some After the new bids were safety protocols in advance,"

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Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Deal-Stroup said this bid would er editor, may be reached by email include work on both the an- at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

#### **AWARDS**

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Reporting category included a story about 120 years of history at John Hartsough's family farm in North Manchester; and stories about Teen Indiana Master Naturalists, Salamonie Preschool, a monarch butterfly Senior Luncheon presentation and women landowners, all meeting at Salamonie Lake.

In May 2020, during the Journalism Contest, Burgess also won third place for Arts

tion below 30,000. Burgess' the Oak Ridge Boys and Patrick Myers of Killer Queen before their respec- nalism contest is Indiana's tive performances at the only open journalism con-Honeywell Center.

SPJ's 2019 Best in Indiana Plain Dealer editor since the state competed in dozens June 2019.

Last year's SPJ awards ban-categories.

and Entertainment Writing quet was originally schedfor publications with circula- uled for this April 2020, but the chapter announced that winning entry from last they would be announcing year included five stories the winners online instead published in 2019. These due to safety concerns around stories included interviews COVID-19. Similarly, this with Amy Grant, David year's awards ceremony was Crosby, Buck Trent of "Hee presented in an online video Haw," Richard Sterban of presentation, rather than in

The Best in Indiana Jourtest. This was the 42nd year Burgess has been Wabash that journalists from around of print, broadcast and online

#### **PULSE**

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visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

#### Honeywell announces 2021 Summer Plaza **Music Series**

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment's Summer Plaza Music Series is returning to the Honeywell Center Carpenter Plaza, featuring performing groups from 5 to 7 p.m. every Thursday through July 1. This year's line-up includes Chris Worth on Thursday, June 17; Sparrow 5 on Thursday, June 24; and Mississinewa Valley Swing Band on Thursday, July 1 The Summer Plaza Music Series is visit 260-468-2127. free and open to the public. Food from the Plaza Grille will be available during all performances, including burgers, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, and more. In the case of inclement weather, performances will be canceled. For more information, visit Honeywell Arts.org/plaza.

#### **Wabash County Animal Shelter** partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for June 17 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

#### **Salamonie** to hold Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services will hold a Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight program from Thursday, June 17 to Friday, June 18 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. **Participants** may expect forest discovery, hiking, live animals, crafts, games, water fun, canoeing and evening activities for camping families. Camping families should plan to bring their tents and camping gear. Campers from ages 7 to 12 need to bring their lunches each day. On Thursday, June 17, meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for the day camp portion. Activities will resume from 7 to 8 p.m. for a Sound Bite program. On Friday, June 18, meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 per child for both days and \$30 for one day. Additional siblings per family will receive a June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. \$5 discount. A small snack 1. This year's Timbercrest Interpretive Center, 3691

will be provided each day. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-

#### Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host a variety of volunteer work-related activities. Check-in and instructions will be available at the Interpretive and Naworkdays will continue throughout the summer at 9 a.m. Monday, June 21; 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; ver, Indiana. and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information,

#### WCPL plans summer reading events

For children in fifth grade and younger, Mystery Maker Bags containing crafts and science exfrom the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) every Tuesday and Friday. A special program will take place off-site at 10 a.m. each Wednesday. Storytime kits will be available for pick up on Thursdays, though advanced registration is required through the library's online calendar, by visiting www.wabash. evanced.com/kids. craft kits will be offered each Thursday and adults will have kits on Tuesday, June 22 and Tuesday, July 13. Registration is available for these kits but is not required. Tutorial videos will be available on the library's Facebook page for these kits, as well. Youth services will be offering two book kits in June, including Dogman on Friday, June 11 and A Wolf Called Wander on Friday, June 25. Registration for these kits is required through the Children's Room or the library's online calendar. The WCPL Storywalk - located on Huntington Street at Paradise Springs Park - provides an outdoor space where several of the Wednesday morning programs will take place, along with the introduction of Adult Storytime from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 29. No registration is required and participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to the pavilion. A book discussion will also take place for adults at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28. Registration and further de-

#### **Manchester Civic Band plans live** performances

tails are available at the

library's online calendar.

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Retirement performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 30, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26 for alumni at Pierceton Elementary School, this year's Independence Day celebration at Manchester University; Saturday, July 31 at the North Manchester Summerfest parade; and Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest. In addition, performances ture Center. The volunteer have also been tentatively scheduled for the North Manchester Fun Fest parade and at Doud's Or-9 a.m. Monday, July 26; chard Open House in Den- Indiana 114 to

#### **Second Harvest** to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 formation, visit www. classy. curehunger.org, org/campaign/hunger -action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse. com/group/203410.

#### **Project Learning Tree Workshop** to be held

Educators are invited to participate in a Project Learning Tree (PLT) K-8 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 9 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive and Nature Center. 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The workshop fee of \$23 includes a copy of the guide. The fee is payable by check (made out to IFEF/PLT) or cash, payable on the day of the workshop. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided. Advance registration is required with a deadline of Friday, July 2. Limited space is available. For more information, call 260-468-2127 or email trody@dnr.in.gov.

#### Salamonie to hold Summer **Forest Camp**

Salamonie Lake will be mid-summer hosting "a unique outdoor day camp" from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. Limited space is available. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. For more information and registration, call 260-468-

#### **Salamonie Senior Luncheon planned** for Monday, July 5

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, July

Community New Holland Road, An- charge for children ages gun Tuesdays, accorddrews. Anyone age 50 or tor Caroline Everidge, as ry-in meal at noon. Guests dish is provided by Friends pretive Services. A \$1 do- Indiana 124. nation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

#### close for bridge maintenance near **North Manchester**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the closure maintenance. Crews will be working between Gene Stratton Porter Road and periments will be available Indiana 15. For more in- Rock-Springs Pike. Work is scheduled to last until early July. During the cloana 13, Indiana 16 and Indiana 105.

#### **INDOT** begins Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

Indiana Departworkshop from 9 a.m. to ment of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound between Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. The work is set to wrap up in July.

#### Indiana 15 lane closures to last through

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

#### **MSD Summer Food Program** to provide free breakfasts, lunches

MSD 5, at the Salamonie Lake Food Program will pro- (LGA) will begin their vide weekly meals free of season with a 9 a.m. shot-

1 through 18 throughout ing to Lana Garber. The older is welcome to attend. the MSD area. Through-Join Huntington County out the summer, families Purdue Extension educa- may pick up five day's worth of breakfasts and she gives tips and tricks on lunches for each child in events are scrambles. Reg-"Safety from Scams." The their household that meets ister in the clubhouse by program begins with a carthe age criteria from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays should bring a side dish to through July 28 at Northshare, a beverage and their field High School, 154 W. table service. The main 200 North, and Southwood High School on the east of the Upper Wabash Inter-side of the building, 564

#### YMCA to offer summer meals

Wabash County The YMCA announced their free breakfast and lunch the final call based on program for children ages 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch Mondays through Fridays, through Friday, Aug. 6, at 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit of Indiana 114 near North www.wabashcountyymca. Manchester for bridge org or email info@wabash countyymca.org.

#### **'Liking for** Biking' returns

Through Saturday, Aug. sure, motorists should use 28, anyone of any age the posted detour of Indi- or skill level who is interested in a free, familv-friendly hour-long bike Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise wheels rolling at 9 a.m. Masks are required inside Parkview Wabash Hospital for health assessments. For more information, www. visitwabashcounty.com/ adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

#### **Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market running** every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the the Wabash Friends Councorner of Cass and Market seling Center, 3563 South accepted for full-season, half-season and one-time rates. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit WabashMarketplace. org/farmers-market call 260-563-0975. Downtown Wabash Farm--market.

#### **Honeywell Ladies Golf Association** season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association

yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday noon Monday.

#### Honeywell Pool to open on a limited basis

Wabash Parks Department superintendent Adam Hall said the plan for the Mark C. Honeywell Pool was for the pool to be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week. Hall said he would make how many lifeguards are 18 and under will be from available. For more information, visit www.wabash countyymca.org.

#### 'Explore Salamonie' hikes to be held monthly starting Saturday

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services for an "Explore Salamonie" hike at 5 p.m. during each month's first Saturday through September at Salamonie's Interpretive and Nature Center at 3691 New Holland Road, ride is invited to meet at Andrews. Wear appropri-8:45 a.m. each Saturday at ate footwear, clothing and bring along your water bottle, sunscreen and bug W. Market St. Helmets are spray. A set of binoculars required. The next health or camera may come in handy. Each hike is open to the public and geared for families. Each hike will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127. Spring Historical Park with Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. State Park Annual Entrance Passes are available for purchase.

#### **DivorceCare** meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The to noon Saturdays through support group meets at Saturday, Sept. 26 in the 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in St. Vendors are still being State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563more information about 8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends. ers' Market, visit Wabash org, call 260-571-5235 Marketplace.org/farmers or visit www.divorcecare.

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# **Grow Wabash County hosts annual WACCY Golf Outing**

The Wings Etc. team was victorious as the Grand Champion

**STAFF REPORT** 

Grow Wabash County hosted its annual WACC-Y Golf outing at the Honeywell Public Golf Course on Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

"After the cancellation of the 2020 outing, the green was filled with golfers, sponsors and investors ready for a good time," said Boul-

course at 1 p.m.

"With close to a dozen volunteers and hole sponsors, almost every hole had something fun to offer," said Boulrisse. "The ever-popular Golf Ball Cannon made its heroic return at the 18th hole, elevating game-play even more. Lunch was provided to all participants, volunteers and sponsors thanks to Food Sponsor, Miller's Merry Manor."

The Wings Etc. team was victo-Wednesday, June 9, according to rious as the 2021 WACCY Golf Grand Champion with a score of 47, and took home the 2021 WAC-CY Grand Championship belt, a bers for the 2021 event include: Weber Grill donated by Do It Best Wabash Hardware and a whole package of other prizes. Second mafiber; Gary Larson, Ford Meter Manor. In all, 21 teams teed off across the won by the two teams from Gaunt Course; Rachel Olsen, Heartland Kalenborn Abresist Corporation.

gift cards donated by the Honeywell Foundation.

prize packs filled with goodies from many Grow Wabash County Investors. for winning the Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive (Men's), and Longest Drive (Women's). Al Grossnikle, part of the Miller's Merry Manor team, took home over \$100 for winning the Putting Green Contest.

WACCY Golf Committee mem-Jami Bartel, Miller's Merry Manor; Etc. and INGUARD. Kaye Krom, Owens Corning-Therand third place in the outing were Box; Mel Thomas, Honeywell Golf

& Son Asphalt which awarded them REMC; Paul McCann, Red Earth goods and prizes including \$100 in CPA; and the Grow Wabash County

'Grow Wabash County would like sponsors of this year's event," said Boulrisse.

Sponsors included:

- Team and Hole Sponsors: Kalenborn Abresist Corporation, State of Indiana, Anytime Fitness, the city of Wabash and Intrasect Technologies.
- Hole-in-One Sponsor: Heartland REMC.
- Drink Cart Sponsors: Wings
- Food Sponsor: Miller's Merry
- Putting Green Contest Sponsor:
- Hole Sponsors: Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Brandt's Harley-Davidson, POET Biorefining, AgVenture McKillip Seeds, Inc., Other contestants took home their to extend a special thank you to the Beacon Credit Union, Brady Benefits & Associates, LLC, Edward Jones - Office of Wayne Denger, Flagstar Bank, G6 Communications LLC, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, Purdue Extension, Rea Logan & Co. LLC, Freedom Academy and Crossroads Bank.
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# TOUGH TEST

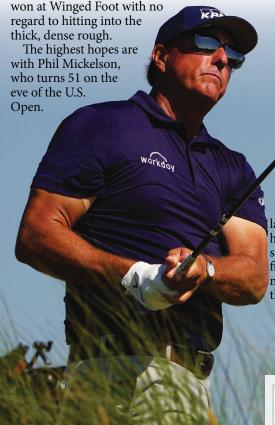
#### No Tiger, no telling what happens at Torrey for this U.S. Open

he strongest memory from the last U.S. Open at Torrey Pines was accompanied by words that explain golf then and now.

Tiger Woods faced a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole in 2008 after a week hobbling around with torn knee ligaments and a double stress fracture in his left leg. Make it to force a playoff against Rocco Mediate. Miss it and lose. When the putt somehow curled in the right side of the cup and Woods triple-clutched his arms in celebration, Dan Hicks on NBC said, "Expect anything different?"

Back then, no.

Now? Expect pretty much anything. The U.S. Open returns to Torrey Pines on June 17-20 with the top two players in the world, Dustin Johnson and Justin Thomas, failing to register a top 10 in the last three months. The defending champion is Bryson DeChambeau, who



He accepted a special exemption to the U.S. Open from having fallen out of the top 100 in the world, and then he won the PGA Championship a week later to become the oldest major champion in history. Six times a runner-up in the U.S. Open, it's the only major keeping Mickelson from the career Grand Slam.

"I know that I'm playing well and this could very well be my last really good opportunity to win a U.S. Open. So I'm going to put everything I have into it," Mickelson

What shouldn't be a surprise is Torrey Pines as a tough test that defines an old-fashioned U.S. Open. It's one of the strongest courses on the PGA Tour even in January when the turf is soft and there is less regard for the winning score. Add narrow fairways, drier air and 7,652 vards that plays every bit of it at sea level, and it should be all the players want.

"I don't think the USGA has to do a hell of a lot to make it very difficult," Louis Oosthuizen said "It's already a tough golf course." **BRYSON AND BROOKS** 

> The sideshow at the U.S. Open be two of its most recent champions. DeChambeau (2020 winner) and Brooks Koepka (2017, 2018)

have been jawing at each other for nearly two years, and it went to a new level with an unaired Golf Channel interview with Koepka that was leaked. As DeChambeau walked on the path behind him, Koepka rolled his eyes and used salty language to express what he thought of him. They since have traded barbs on social media. The U.S. Open will be the first time they're at the same tournament. Imagine a weekend pairing of

#### **TORREY PINES**

Patrick Reed won the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines in January, so he figures to be a contender, especially with his short game. Reed will try to join some elite company. Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Ben Hogan are the only players to have won on the same course for a PGA Tour and a U.S. Open in the same year. Torrey Pines requires an asterisk because one round is on the North course during the PGA Tour event. But consider this: Woods finished 14 shots higher in the 2008 U.S. Open than when he won the tour event.

#### **SPECTATORS**

The U.S. Open is the latest major to welcome back spectators, at least some of them. The USGA expects to have roughly 10,000 fans at Torrey Pines compared with none at Winged Foot. There were some 50,000 fans for the final round at Torrey in the 2008 U.S. Open, and it felt like that many for the Monday playoff Woods won over Mediate. The number is in line with what the Masters and PGA Championship allowed this year, although anyone thinking there were only 10,000 fans at Kiawah Island still believes in the Easter bunny.

#### **OLYMPICS**

The U.S. Open is the final week before the world ranking that determines the 60man field for the Olympics in Tokyo. Each country gets two players until the field is filled, with a maximum of four if they are among the top 15 in the world. Dustin Johnson already has opted out. Thomas and Collin Morikawa would appear to be a lock. The final two U.S. spots could come down to DeChambeau, Xander Schauffele, Patrick Cantlay and Patrick Reed, or someone further down the ranking if they win the U.S. Open. Justin Rose, the gold medalist in Rio, would have to win the U.S. Open to return to the

#### **TORREY PINES FACTS & FIGURES**

**Dates:** June 17-20 Site: Torrey Pines GC (South) Length: 7,652 yards Par: 71 Cut: Top 60 and ties Field: 156 players Purse: \$12.5 million. Winner's share: \$2.25 million

Defending champion: Bryson DeCham-

Last year: Bryson DeChambeau took the unconventional route to a U.S. Open title and his first major. By pounding away with driver on narrow fairways and hitting short irons from the thick round, he closed with a 3-under 67 for a six-shot victory over Matthew Wolff. DeChambeau finished at 6-under 274, the lowest score ever for a U.S. Open at Winged Foot. DeChambeau shot par or better all four rounds.

Last U.S. Open at Torrey Pines: Tiger Woods won his third U.S. Open title in 2008 in a 19-hole playoff over Rocco Mediate. Woods had season-ending knee surgery eight days

Last tournament at Torrey Pines: Patrick Reed won the Farmers Insurance Open in

Mickelson's Quest: One month after 50-year-old Phil Mickelson won the PGA Championship to become the oldest major champion, he gets his seventh crack at completing the career Grand Slam at the U.S. Open. He has been runner-up a record six times.

California Dreaming: This will be the 14th U.S. Open in California, trailing only New York (20) and Pennsylvania (17).

Oh, brothers: Brothers have not played in the U.S. Open since 2011. This year there are two sets: Carlos and Alvaro Ortiz, and Francesco and Edoardo Molinari.

Key statistic: When Tiger Woods won at Torrey Pines on the PGA Tour and the U.S. Open in 2008, his 72-hole score was 14 shots higher in the U.S. Open.

Noteworthy: Only 14 players are in the field who played the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines

Quoteworthy: "I don't think the USGA has to do a hell of a lot to make it very difficult. It's already a tough golf course." — Louis Oosthuizen.

Streaming (all times EDT): Thursday-Friday, 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Television (all times EDT): Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Golf Channel), 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (NBC); Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Golf Channel), 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (NBC), 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (NBC); Sunday, 10 a.m. to noon (Golf Channel), noon to 8 p.m. (NBC).

# DeChambeau and Koepka keep distance on U.S. Open tee sheet; DJ, Rory, Rose together

By DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO - Anyone clamoring for Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka to play in the same group to start the U.S. Open will have to wait for another tournament.

DeChambeau, the defending U.S. Open champion, will play the opening two rounds at Torrey Pines with Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama and U.S. Amateur champion Tyler Strafaci.

That's keeping with USGA tradition of putting the defending champion with the current U.S. Amateur champion and a reigning major champion. The U.S. Amateur champion previously had to remain amateur to be

exempt to the U.S. Open.

low former PGA champions Collin Morikawa and Justin Thomas.

DeChambeau and Koepka have been engaged in a social media spat that began nearly two years ago and picked up steam with a leaked Golf Channel clip that was never aired. Koepka stops his interview at the PGA Championship and rolls his eyes when he sees DeChambeau walking behind him and then uses salty language to express his feelings.

More exchanges and posts

followed in recent weeks. Not only are they not playing together, they are on opposite sides of the draw. group of former U.S. Open Henrik Stenson, Francesco Koepka starts Thursday at champion Jordan Spieth, Molinari and Shane Lowry

hole. DeChambeau tees off Zalatoris. Koepka is playing with fel- at 1:14 p.m. PDT on the first hole of the South course at Torrey Pines.

They could still play tothe same score on the week-PGA champion Phil Mick-

elson, playing in his homehas never won, will be playing with fellow San Diego native Xander Schauffele and Max Homa.

The USGA put together former winners of the Farmers Insurance Open played at Torrey Pines in January Justin Rose. All three are for-– Patrick Reed, Marc Leish- mer U.S. Open champions. man and Jon Rahm.

7:29 a.m. PDT on the 10th Scottie Scheffler and Will are in the same group.

Phil Mickelson watches his ball from the eighth tee during the final round at the PGA

Championship golf tournament on the Ocean Course, Sunday, May 23, in Kiawah Island, S.C.

The last time the U.S. Open was at Torrey Pines, in 2008, the USGA for the first time put together the top three gether this week if they're on players in the world ranking - Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Adam Scott. That has lost some appeal with World Golf Championships town in the only major he following suit over the years and featured pairings for streaming often putting together marquee players on the PGA Tour.

Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world, is playing with Rory McIlroy and

And in a nod to the British There's also an all-Dallas Open, former champions

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L.A. Dodgers 3, Philadelphia 1

Wednesday's Games

Miami (Alcantara 4-5) at St. Louis (Oviedo 0-2), 1:15 p.m. Cincinnati (Mahle 6-2) at Milwaukee (Peralta 6-1), 2:10 p.m.

Detroit (Skubal 3-7) at Kansas City (Singer 3-5), 2:10 p.m. Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-5), 2:10 p.m. San Diego (Snell 2-3) at Colorado (Freeland 0-2), 3:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Canning 5-4) at Oakland (Irvin 4-7), 3:37 p.m.

Pittsburgh (De Jong 0-0) at Washington (Scherzer 5-4), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cole 7-3) at Toronto (Stripling 2-3), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Akin 0-1) at Cleveland (Civale 9-2), 7:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (TBD) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 6-2), 7:10 p.m. Boston (Richards 4-4) at Atlanta (Anderson

Boston (Richards 4-4) at Atlanta (Anderson 4-3), 7:20 p.m.
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Arizona (Kelly 2-6) at San Francisco (DeScla-

Artzula (Reily 2-0) at Sail Francisco (Descia-fani 6-2), 9:45 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wheeler 4-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 8-5), 10:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Ober 0-0) at Seattle (Sheffield 5-5), 10:10 p.m.